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2 August 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Acting Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- July 1988

I. GENERAL

Bureau Chief-Designate [] arrived in Tel Aviv 2 August and has begun her post orientation.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

For the first time since the 6-day war, Israeli diplomats are present in Moscow after the arrival of a consular delegation there on the 28th. A Soviet spokesman was quick to point out that the arrival of the delegation has no connection with the development of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The bureau expects coverage of the delegation's activities to be relatively limited as the Soviet Union denied visas to journalists with Israeli passports who wanted to cover the visit.

B. Communications

A successful computer-to-computer IDD test was conducted 11 July between the bureau and FED.

C. Technical

1. A new television antenna and signal distribution system was installed on the roof [] In addition to some improvement in signal strength, the new system makes all of the signals available throughout the bureau.

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2. The TVRO installation is back on track after a hiatus during attempts to contact one of the parties who controls part of the [] roof space and while the primary contractor was on an extended overseas trip. The bureau now plans to install the TVRO in the area of the existing antenna group and aims to have it in place in September.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Hebrew monitor [] has further reduced his part-time working status to a minimum of 16 hours per week for pressing personal reasons, in lieu of resigning at this

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time. The bureau plans to temporarily double encumber the position and has begun the recruiting process.

2. The editorial team had shock treatment in July when it went from overstaffed to understaffed in 1 day: Senior Editor [] left for Stateside R & R and TDY trainee [] completed his training and departed, both on 8 July. Mitch returned from his leave 29 July.

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3. New Cruising Monitor [] and family arrived PCS 2 August. Tim will occupy the cruising position, which has been vacant for over a year following [] departure in 1987.

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4. Senior Technician [] was called up during the month for his annual reserve military duty, which, in the absence of a bureau engineer, has left [] holding the fort.

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B. Building and Grounds

Following a series of long delays, a special Insulgard steel security door was finally installed, replacing the old wooden door at the rear fire exit. The contractor was able to make the installation in 1 day, avoiding the need for special security arrangements.

IV. VISITS

The FRA follow-up visit was made 25-29 July by ADD Engineer [] GE contractor [] and LEC contractor []

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